

समाप्त भी कर दिया जाए और उक्त स्कूलों को पब्लिक स्कूल भी न कहा जाए, तो भी ये स्कूल अथवा उनके द्वारा अपनाए गए तरीकों के अनुसार चन सकते हैं।

कानूनी स्थिति को ध्यान में रखते हुए, सरकार तथा कथित पब्लिक स्कूलों को समाप्त करने के लिए कोई कार्रवाही शुरू करने हेतु सक्षम न होगी। यह भी उल्लेखनीय है कि पब्लिक स्कूलों का अर्थ है वे स्कूल, जो कि भारतीय पब्लिक स्कूल सम्मेलन के सदस्य हैं। यह सम्मेलन, सदस्य स्कूलों का एक स्वीच्छक संगठन है तथा सोसाइटी पंजीकरण अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत पंजीकृत एक सोसाइटी है। इस समय सारे देश में 50 स्कूल हैं जो कि उक्त सम्मेलन के सदस्य हैं।

केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालयों में जल संसाधन  
(वाटर टेक्नालाजी) विषय

158. श्री उग्रसेन : क्या शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण और संस्कृति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उत्तर प्रदेश में केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालयों में शिक्षा के विषयों में जल संसाधन को एक विषय के रूप में शामिल करने के बारे में एक प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ?

शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण और संस्कृति मंत्री (डा० प्रताप चन्द्र चन्द्र) : अलोगढ़ मुस्लिम विश्वविद्यालय एवं बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार 'जल प्रौद्योगिकी' को यथावत अध्ययन के विषयों में शामिल करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है, यद्यपि इन विश्वविद्यालयों के कुछ अध्ययन पाठ्यक्रमों में उस विषय के कुछ विशिष्ट पहलु जैसे जल-संसाधन इंजीनियरी, जल विज्ञान जल आपूर्ति, कोटि नियंत्रण, प्रदूषण सिंचाई, स्थलीय

जल की उत्पत्ति एवं स्रोत तथा घरेलू और औद्योगिक गन्दे जल का निरूपण एवं निपटान इत्यादि शामिल किए गए हैं।

#### Sugarcane price at Mill Gate

159. SHRI UGRASEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the price of sugarcane at the mill gate and at weighing centres would be fixed for the 1977-78 season; and

(b) the estimated production of sugarcane in the whole of the country this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) The Cabinet has in its meeting held on 27th October 1977, decided that the minimum statutory price of sugarcane for the year 1977-78 season should be Rs. 8.50 per quintal for a basic minimum recovery of 8.5 per cent during the optimum period or the entire season, which ever is higher, and a notification on fixing the minimum statutory price for each factory will be issued soon.

(b) Production estimates of sugarcane at this time of the year are available only in respect of the area under sugarcane. The first estimate for the year 1977-78 is 2775.5 thousand hectares. The corresponding estimate for 1976-77 was 2716.1 thousand hectares.

#### Russian Combine Harvested SKP—4A

160. DR. BALDEV PRAKASH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russian Combine Harvester SKP—4A were sold to unemployed engineers in 1974-75 against cash payment;

(b) if so, the number of combines sold and their price;

(c) whether combines were imported in the year 1972 and private owners refused to purchase them till 1974;

(d) whether any adverse report have been received by Government regarding their working and they were found faulty and that most of them are lying idle; and

(e) whether it is under consideration of Government to compensate the huge loss suffered by the purchasers of the Combines which are now lying idle?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION, (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH):** (a) and (b) Yes, 24 Russian Combines SKP-4A were sold to the entrepreneurs operating Agro-Service Centres against cash payment at Rs. 1,48,950 exclusive of taxes per Combine.

(c) These Combines were actually received in India in 1974 and not in 1972. The question of any private owners refusing to purchase them from 1972-1974, therefore, does not arise.

(d) A few representations were received in the Ministry reporting certain defects/problems with the machine. The Ministry has no information as to whether most of them are lying idle.

(e) The Ministry is not aware if the entrepreneurs have suffered any losses on account of these machines. Nor does the question of Government compensating them for such losses, if any, arise.

#### **Introduction of Prohibition in Delhi**

**161. SHRI HITENDRA DESAI:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) when is the total prohibition is likely to be introduced in Delhi;

(b) whether it will be introduced in stages; and

(c) if so, how?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER):** (a) and (b). It is proposed to be introduced in stages so as to take effect from April 1980.

(c) The prohibition policy as announced by the Delhi Administration is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1022/77].

#### **Production of Foodgrains**

**162. SHRI C. N. VISVANATHAN:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the final figures of production of foodgrains during 1976-77 and the factors responsible for increased production in areas where improvement has been registered;

(b) the anticipated production during 1977-78; and

(c) the concrete steps taken during last seven months to improve productivity so as to effect a significant break-through towards increased production?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH):** (a) The total production of foodgrains during 1976-77 is placed at 111.57 million tonnes. The increase in foodgrain production during 1976-77 compared to 1975-76 has been recorded by Maharashtra, Punjab and Haryana. The increases in production of jowar and bajra in Maharashtra are attributed largely to increases in yield per hectare of these